



Republican Policy Committee

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Republicans Stand United with America

- The critical period for Republican reforms has arrived, the move from promise to reality. Never before have the special interests in Washington and their allies in Big Government faced such an assault. We fully expect they will retaliate with negative distortions and half truths. Republicans stand united for America against the special interests and Big Government.
- As we responsibly cut government and the taxes that feed it, we intend to grow America. Our plan is based on the principle that America's greatness is based on its people, not its bureaucracy and that our greatest accomplishments lie in front of us and not behind us. Ours is a plan for the future opposed by the ideologues of the past.
- The measure of success of the 1st session of the 104th Congress, according to Senator Dole, Speaker Gingrich, and Congressional Republicans, is success in confronting the challenges that face America in the following four areas. We will:

Balance the Budget in Seven Years

- ▶ Republicans have the only proposal that does eliminate the deficit.
- ▶ CBO has scored our plan as eliminating the deficit in seven years with the deficit falling in each and every year.
- ▶ In contrast, CBO has said the President's budget would never balance but would actually increase the deficit to \$200 billion.
- ▶ Balancing the budget is the key to America's future. It will produce the economic growth for the next century and end the unfair placement of profligacy on our children.

Save Medicare

- ▶ The Medicare trustees' report shows that without rapid action, Medicare Part A will begin running deficits as early as FY 1997 and go bankrupt after FY 2002.
- ▶ Congress' budget would make the necessary spending decisions to save the imperiled Medicare program.
- ▶ Our plan would save Medicare while still allowing its spending to increase at twice CBO's projected rate of inflation over the next seven years.
- ▶ This means increasing overall Medicare spending from \$180 billion today to \$270 billion in FY 2002.
- ▶ This means increasing the per beneficiary amount from \$4,800 today to \$6,700 in FY 2002.

- ▶ This means spending \$1.622 trillion over the next seven years.
- ▶ Our budget preserves not only Medicare but the future for the elderly who look to it for their health care security.

Reform Welfare

- ▶ Our budget offers a future for millions of Americans who have been condemned to government dependency.
- ▶ It replaces a culture of dependency with a call to responsibility: real work requirements and real time limits that will eliminate welfare as a way of life.
- ▶ Our welfare plan strengthens families and requires personal responsibility. It eliminates bureaucracies and bureaucrats.
- ▶ Our welfare plan consolidates dozens of welfare-related programs into three new block grants to the states, repeals hundreds of federal rules and regulations that only create jobs for more bureaucrats, and saves taxpayers billions of dollars.

Cut Taxes

- ▶ The Republican budget will bring welcome tax relief to America's embattled middle class.
- ▶ It will allow for increased investment, increased growth, and increased opportunities.
- ▶ Tax cuts will be enacted only after CBO certifies that the budget will balance and after we have put Medicare on a sound economic footing.
- ▶ Our proposal is based on the principle that a government is best measured not by how much it controls but in how much its citizens retain — whether it be rights or taxes.
- ▶ America's future is more dependent on how much its citizens save and invest than on how much its government taxes and spends.

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